

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Regional Resource Stewardship Council

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1. Department or Agency

Tennessee Valley Authority

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Regional Resource Stewardship Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

5291

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/29/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

04/27/2018

7. Expected Term Date

04/28/2020

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

TVA Board Action

13. Effective Date

05/17/1999

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings 2 17b. Closed Meetings 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings 0 17d. Total Meetings 2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Updates on Natural Resources and River Management Issues; Presentations regarding the TVA's Public Land Protection Program; Public Comments; Council Discussion and Advice.	11/14/2017	11/15/2017
First meeting of the 10th term; Presentation on the Proposed Natural Resource Plan Refresh and the scoping of the accompanying Environmental Impact Statement; Tennessee Water Supply Update Report; Public Comments; Council Discussion and Advice	07/30/2018	07/31/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$82,410.00	\$80,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$3,380.00	\$4,200.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$1,006.00	\$1,800.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$2,258.00	\$3,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$334.00	\$500.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$31,189.00	\$40,000.00
18d. Total	\$120,577.00	\$129,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.00	1.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The TVA Board established the Regional Resource Stewardship Council to provide TVA advice on its stewardship activities and priorities among competing objectives and values. TVA stewardship activities include the operation of its dams and reservoirs, responsibilities for navigation and flood control, and management of lands in its custody, water quality, wildlife, and recreation. To that end, the Regional Council structures its meetings around specific subjects and submits their advice to TVA.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The RRSC consists of 20 members appointed by the TVA Board. Council membership was selected as follows: 1 member each were nominated by the Governors of the seven states that comprise the region TVA serves; 4 members were nominated by the electric distributor organization, Tennessee Valley Public Power Association; 1 member was nominated by the direct-served customer organization, Tennessee Valley Industrial Committee; TVA selected the balance of the membership to ensure a balanced representation of a broad range of views, including a beneficiary of TVA's navigation program, a beneficiary of TVA's flood control program; a recreational interest, and an environmental interest.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 2

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

It is in TVA's interest and the interest of the public it serves, to establish a mechanism for routinely obtaining the views and advice of the public agencies and private entities involved in and affecting natural resources stewardship. Accordingly, the Regional Resource Stewardship Council, with its broad membership, is charged to provide TVA advice regarding its stewardship activities and priorities among competing objectives and values.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Not Applicable

Designated Federal Officer

Joseph J. Hoagland Vice President, Enterprise Relations & Innovation

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Brown, Lee	12/31/2014	04/26/2018	General Manager, Erwin Utilities	Representative Member
Butler, RaeLynn	04/27/2018	04/28/2020	MGR Historical and Cultural Preservation	Representative Member
Carnahan, Keith	04/27/2018	04/28/2020	Gen. Mgr; Meriwether Lewis Electric Coop	Representative Member
Englert, Robert	12/31/2014	04/28/2020	Vice President - Operations, Crounse Corporation	Representative Member
Hardin, Ray	04/27/2018	04/28/2020	Gen Mgr - Decatur Utilities	Representative Member
Hill, Brock	02/02/2014	04/28/2020	TN Governor	Representative Member
Holland, Donnie	04/27/2018	04/28/2020	KY Governor	Representative Member
Holland, Richard	01/05/2016	04/28/2020	Env. Project Manager, Packaging Corporation of America	Representative Member
Iverson, Mark	02/03/2011	04/28/2020	General Manager, Bowling Green Municipal Utilities	Representative Member
Kennedy, Avis	02/03/2011	04/28/2020	Former Chief, Natural Resources Management Branch, USACE	Representative Member
Klinker, Kim	08/23/2016	04/28/2020	CFO, Klinker Management LLC, Kingston	Representative Member
Kreps, Brad	02/03/2013	04/28/2020	Director, Nature Conservancy Clinch Valley Program	Representative Member
Littlepage, Tom	01/23/2005	04/28/2020	Chief, Water Management Section, AL Dept. of Economic and Community Affairs, Montgomery	Representative Member
Myers, Gary	11/02/2012	04/28/2020	Former Director, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency	Representative Member
Nelson, Will	02/03/2013	04/28/2020	GA Governor	Representative Member
Scofield, Clay	01/27/2017	04/28/2020	AL Governor	Representative Member
Scudder, Danette	04/27/2018	04/28/2020	EVP - TVPPA	Representative Member
Simmons, Jack	01/31/2012	10/05/2017	Tennessee Valley Public Power Association	Representative Member
Taylor, Gerald	12/31/2014	04/26/2018	General Manager, Tennessee Valley Electric Cooperative	Representative Member
Thomasson, Pat	09/21/2016	04/28/2020	MS Governor	Representative Member
Townsend, Russell	05/31/2007	04/26/2018	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians	Representative Member
Via, Catherine	08/23/2016	04/28/2020	Director-at-Large, Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation Board	Representative Member
Wiggins, Randy	08/23/2016	04/28/2020	NC Governor	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 23

Narrative Description

TVA's fundamental mission remains unchanged: to provide the people of the Tennessee Valley with low-cost supply of energy, ensuring environmental stewardship of the land and river, and promoting economic development has been and continues to be TVA's primary mission. It is in TVA's interest and the interest of the public it serves to establish a mechanism for routinely obtaining the views and advice of the public agencies and private entities involved in and affecting natural resources stewardship. Accordingly, TVA established the Regional Resource Stewardship Council to provide TVA advice on its stewardship activities and the priorities among competing objectives and values. TVA's stewardship activities include the operation of its dams and reservoirs, its responsibilities for navigation and flood control, and the management of the lands in its custody, water quality, wildlife, and recreation.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

735

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Council recommended the adoption of the proposed direction of the updated Natural Resources Plan EIS at its July 2018 meeting. At the Nov. 15, 2017, meeting the RRSC recognized that TVA public land is important. TVA should have the flexibility to pursue resolution of legacy encroachments by disposal of small pieces of affected property. TVA should develop guidelines that would create a consistent approach to address previously undiscovered legacy type encroachments. Further, to prevent these issues in the future, TVA should: Set a firm date to demarcate and publicize that the future action will be to remove all new encroachments; Study the data to measure and understand the causes of encroachments; Mark and maintain its boundaries on a regular schedule, prioritizing high risk areas; Utilize tools such as aerial photography and GIS software to manage this program; Pursue citation authority through US Congressional action; Have an integrated, comprehensive and continuous strategy to perform and document outreach; Have flexibility in how a zero net policy should be achieved; Implement a strategic approach to legacy residential encroachments that recognizes the importance of the problem and the flexibility for staff to resolve; Allow a penalty to be assessed in addition to recovering full market value and administrative costs as part of the resolution process; Consider a broad public survey to assess how TVA is doing to manage the public land in its care; Continue innovative approaches to seek public input including informal meetings; Increase efforts to accumulate contact information on users/visitors through social media.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

67%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

For the life of the committee, the reservoir operations study, which was fully implemented, was a major recommendation of the committee. Advice on public lands conservation and development, commercial, encroachment, recreational and stewardship compliance issues and associated strategies, Natural Resource Plan Guiding Principles, and TVA's Natural

Resource Plan was finalized and is being implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

33%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Advice on public lands planning and draft criteria of accepting off-cycle requests and draft recreation strategic plan on various aspects of these topics, including but not limited to whether the proposals were consistent with previous committee advice, if they identify appropriate roles for TVA, what approaches to use to balance conservation, recreation and economic development uses of public lands, as well as issues and criteria of public interest, land use and financial aspects were considered. Other input on drought management, environmental strategies, prioritization and evaluation of leases and easement for commercial campground and marina operators, and process and prioritization of stewardship initiatives with regard to the Natural Resource Plan development was considered. Advice regarding the development of a sustainable funding plan supporting the production and stocking of trout recommendation is completed. Clarifying guidelines for public and marina owners regarding floating houses in process.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Membership is apprised in the meetings by the Designated Federal Officer of any agency actions. Membership may also be notified in writing by the Designated Federal Officer.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

N/A